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## VESSELS CLEARED FROM TOR.

*March 15.*—Russian steamship *Odessa*; 1,485 Russian pilgrims; destination, Theodosia.

*March 16.*—Greek vessel *Saint Georges*; 635 Ottoman pilgrims; destination, Beirut and Smyrna.

*March 19.*—British steamship *Mariout*; 1,012 Egyptian pilgrims; destination, Suez.

On arrival at Suez foreign pilgrims were authorized to pass the canal in quarantine and the Egyptian pilgrims to land after favorable medical visit.

*Pilgrims arrived at the quarantine camp of Suakim.*

*March 16.*—Fifty-two Soudanese arrived by *sambuk*.

## WEST INDIES.

*Report from Barbados—Inspection of vessels—Certificates of vaccination issued—Examination of laborers for the Canal Zone—Protection against yellow-fever-infected mosquitoes from vessels from infected ports—Influenza, measles, and chicken pox.*

Assistant Surgeon Ward reports, March 22, as follows:

During the week ended March 18, 1905, bills of health were issued to 7 steamships and 4 sailing vessels with 391 crew, 99 cabin, 53 steerage, and 40 deck passengers. Of this number I inspected 6 steamships, 2 sailing vessels, 237 crew, 16 cabin, 53 steerage, and 40 deck passengers, of whom 10 crew, 40 cabin, 19 steerage, and 22 deck passengers were taken on at this port. A person suffering from a dangerous contagious disease, wishing a third-class passage for the United States, was recommended for rejection.

On March 13 I viséed the bill of health of the Republic of Panama issued to the Royal Mail steamship *Orinoco*, bound to Colon, via ports on the Caribbean Sea, with 136 crew, 24 laborers and passengers. There were 9 certificates of vaccination issued to deck passengers for Colon, and 69 to laborers recruited for work on the Panama Canal.

For the two weeks ended March 18, I examined 127 men to ascertain their fitness to act as laborers for work on the Panama Canal, and rejected 34.

In order to protect this island against the possible ingress of yellow-fever-infected mosquitoes from vessels from infected ports, the following rule was recently made by the quarantine board and approved by the governor:

No vessel arriving here either directly or indirectly from a place infected with yellow fever shall be permitted to come into the carenage until she has been fumigated to the satisfaction of the health officer, for the purpose of destroying mosquitoes; and the health officer shall in writing inform the harbor master and harbor police that such fumigation has been done.

It has just been reported that no further cases of smallpox have developed on the island of Grenada since the 9th instant, the date of the last report.

St. Vincent, West Indies, has declared a quarantine of fourteen days against all persons from Grenada, and, in the discretion of the health officer, any cargo from that island may be disinfected.